

Neighborhood Advisory Group Meeting
San Jose City Hall Wing, room 118
March 18, 2009

6:38 pm- Agenda Item I-Welcome and Chair's Remarks

- Beth Shafran-Mukai welcomed everyone and introduced Councilman Liccardo for D3 updates.
- Councilman Liccardo listed approved projects: 12th St/Keyes neighborhood center and Strong Neighborhood Initiative (SNI) office, Safeway (88 bldg), San Pedro Urban Market. He reminded folks that the A's baseball conversation is between MLB and Lew Wolfe, although discussions have begun with neighborhoods in proximity to a possible site.

6:42 pm- Agenda Item II- Open Forum & Announcements

- Councilman Liccardo announced that Sharon Ngo Tran will be leaving the D3 office March 30th. She and her husband are expecting their third child.
- Paul Higgins announced the next Downtown Assn mixer at Café Trieste on March 19th.
- Frank Penrose provided info on the new PAC San Jose. He and Tina Morrill invited everyone to the PAC SJ Bowl-A-Rama fundraiser at 4th Street Bowl Sunday, March 22nd at 4:00pm.
- Frank Penrose pitched "San Jose Downtown Dwellers", a new Facebook page to promote community unity and share info. Tina Morrill added that a Facebook page was in development for Friends of Ryland Pool.

6:50 pm- Agenda Item III- Discussion: District Project Related To Youth Programming

- Beth Shafran-Mukai reminded everyone of the NAG's ongoing search for a volunteer agency to partner with for youth services.
- **Girls for a Change, Audrey Roderick.** National organization with 22 teams in San Jose, Burnett Junior High and San Jose Academy in D3. Teams consist of 10 girls and 2 adult coaches. Teams select a topic for social change and create a project to address it locally. Volunteer opportunities are for coaches (20hrs/mo), consultant (as needed) and event day volunteers. Teams meet at schools, libraries or community centers and are interested in expanding in San Jose.
www.girlsforachange.org

7:12 pm- Agenda Item IV- Budget Priority Discussion

- Councilman Liccardo provided an overview of the Mayor's Budget Schedule and Memorandum (handout). Details will be provided in the City Manager's proposed budget on May 1st. He suggested a neighborhood

coalition approach for the Council to hear a united voice from the neighborhoods.

7:30 pm- Agenda Item V- Brainstorm NAG Mission

Brainstorming discussion:

- Does the NAG want to create a mission statement?
- Why are we here? How can we be useful?
- San Jose has a volunteer office, can we support their services?
- Frustrated at lack of progress in moving forward.
- Previous focus of NAG was advisory, evolving into activism?
- Create future leaders among the neighborhood youth.
- Support one volunteer agency or several?
- Gather names of interested volunteers and projects on D3 website?
- Joan Rivas-Cosby calls for a vote on volunteer agencies with top three securing NAG support. By a show of hands, Girls for a Change, Role Models and MACSA were selected.
- Brainstorming of NAG mission to continue at the April meeting.

8:05 pm- Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 6:30-8:00 pm, City Hall meeting room 118-119